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DETAILED ANALYSIS BY NPIC OF DORSIL FIN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY  
(SEE FILM REF) REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PREVIOUSLY  
IDENTIFIED WEAPONS POSITIONS LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE TONLE SAN  
(RIVER) AREA, RATANAKIRI, PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.

A) THE ENTIRE AREA CENTERED AT APPROXIMATELY 1350N 10723E  
AND BOUNDED BY UTM COORDINATES YA562317, YA584317, YA584292, AND  
YA562292 IS BELIEVED TO BE A PROBABLE ROCKET/MORTAR TRAINING AREA.  
THE FIXED RELATIVELY UNCONCEALED POSITIONS LOCATED IN RANDOM  
ORIENTATION ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF PERSONNEL TRAINING AREAS RATHER  
THAN FIXED OFFENSIVE POSITIONS.

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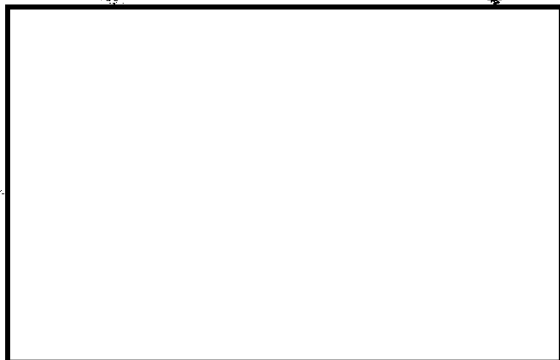
B) WEAPONS POSITIONS AT 39 PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED SITES ARE IDENTICAL AND BELIEVED CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE SOVIET TRAILER-MOUNTED 140 MM ROCKET LAUNCHER (BM14-16) WITH AT LEAST 4 TUBES AND POSSIBLY 8. NVA PERSONNEL HAVE DISASSEMBLED THIS WEAPON AND UTILIZED IT AGAINST U.S. FORCES IN THE DMZ AND ARE BELIEVED CAPABLE OF MODIFYING THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT THROUGH HEAVY JUNGLE TERRAIN.

C) ANOTHER POSSIBLE WEAPON WOULD BE THE HEAVY MORTAR. COMPARATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY (SEE COLLATERAL REF) REVEALS A SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE ROCKET/MORTAR TRAINING POSITIONS LOCATED IN NE CAMBODIA AND A SOVIET 240MM MORTAR (M-240) POSITION OF SOVIET TRAINING AREA. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIVE IMPORTANCE (I.E. NUCLEAR CAPABILITY) AND ITS RELATIVE WEIGHT (APPROXIMATELY 10,000 LBS.) ITS UNLIKELY THIS CALIBER OF WEAPON WOULD BE EXPORTED TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE PRESENCE OF THIS WEAPON IN NORTH VIETNAM. IT WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY THE PRESENT SOVIET 200MM ROCKET LAUNCHER (BMD-20) WOULD BE USED IN LIEU OF ITS SIZE AND WEIGHT. THE TRAINING POSITIONS OBSERVED IN NE CAMBODIA SUGGEST THEY ARE TO BE USED FOR A LIGHTER MORE COMPACT WEAPON SUCH AS THE 140MM (BM14-16) ROCKET WITH A MAXIMUM RANGE OF 9846 YARDS OR THE SOVIET 120/160MM MORTAR WITH A MAXIMUM RANGE OF 6230 AND 8825 YARDS RESPECTIVELY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE POSSIBLE USE OF SPECIFIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE SPECULATIVE IN LIEU OF THE FACT NO WEAPONS OR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WITHIN THE PROBABLE ROCKET/MORTAR TRAINING AREA LOCATED IN NE CAMBODIA.

MAP REF: AMS SERIES L701, SHEET 6452 I, II, 1ST ED.

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COLLATERAL REF: PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION KEY, SOVIET ARTILLERY,  
4 JULY 61 (TM-30-270).

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